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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

**TO: ALL PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES AND PARTICIPATING HOSPITAL
OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS**

RE: BILLING REQUIREMENT CHANGE

Effective March 1, 2001, the Department will require the participant's date of birth for each pharmacy claim submitted, both on paper claims or electronically. This change is an enhancement to the Department's current system and will help to ensure accurate billings for participants qualified to receive benefits.

Beginning March 1, 2001, regardless of the date of service, all pharmacy claim submissions received with a missing or inaccurate date of birth will be rejected with error code X45 and the message, "MISSING/INVALID DATE OF BIRTH". The format for submitting the date of birth on a paper claim is a six-character field, MMDDYY. Please follow NCPDP Version 3.2 instructions for submitting the patient's date of birth electronically. The Department's system edits will verify the date of birth submitted by the pharmacy against the date of birth contained in the Department's files. The date of birth listed on the Department's files is shown on the monthly MediPlan or KidCare card. If the date of birth submitted is different from the date of birth in the Department's files, the claim will be rejected with an error code X46, DATE OF BIRTH NOT EQUAL TO DEPT FILES.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to your Pharmacy Billing Consultant at (217) 782-5565.

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